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The reply filed on 1/16/2004 does not comply with the requirement as set forth in MPEP, Section 409, and thus is not considered as a complete responsive to the Office action. The reason is the reply/amendment is signed by the same attorney with the death of the sole inventor, and a new power of attorney has not been filed with the reply/amendment. Applicant is respectfully invited to review MPEP, Section 409.01 which requires that a new power from the heirs, administrators, executors, or assignees is necessary if the deceased inventor is the sole inventor.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (01) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Note: It is also suggested to the applicant that applicant should also file a supplemental amendment to amend the specification in accompaniment with the new power of attorney. The reason is the amendment to the specification by moving some paragraphs from one place to other place as stated in page 3 of the reply/amendment filed on 1/16/2004 does not comply with the requirements and thus is not accepted).

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